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2016 BROTTE Les Hauts de Barville AOP product-timed-pdf - Chateauneuf du Pape | France - 93pts WA | EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE!

Why We're Drinking It

93pts Wine Advocate: *The 2016 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Hauts de Barville is a classic blend of 70% Grenache and 15% each Mourvèdre and Syrah. Fine notes of pencil shavings underscore cherry and apricot fruit in this full-bodied, rich, velvety textured wine that offers plenty of weight yet manages to retain a sense of elegance.*

92pts Wine Enthusiast: *Ripe mulberry and strawberry notes abound from nose to finish, accented by hints of sweet spice and dried Mediterranean herbs. While rich and plush in body, it has brisk, integrated acidity and finely edged tannins that lend elegant structure. Enjoy now–2030.*

Domaine Barville estate, plus several other labels under the Brotte umbrella. Most famous of these is probably the La Fiole range, which includes the non-vintage La Fiole du Pape, normally a blend of wines from the past four vintages—30% wines that are three to four years old and 70% wines that are one to two years old. The Brotte range includes various offers from Cairanne and the Côtes du Rhône, which will be reviewed in Part 2 of my report. The wines are normally priced fairly for the quality. --Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate

Having long time expertise in the appellation of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Brotte House knows very well the “terroirs” of the area. “Les Hauts de Barville” has distinctive richness and unctuousity, in the same style as Domaine Barville, Brotte family’s estate wine in the name of ancestors, the Barville. We select varieties which sublimate the majority Grenache on the best exposed terroirs of pebbles, limestone and sand of the prestigious cru of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The selection gives this great wine beautiful concentration, a rich symphony of aromatic notes : red fruits (strawberry mainly), spices, truffles, “garrigue” (“scrub land”). A patient maturation in 100 year old large oak casks and French oak barrels during one year develop the smoothness and richness of aromas and tannins.

Tasting Notes

Ruby with purple glints. Rich symphony of red fruits (strawberry dominates), spices, truffles and garrigue. Rich and unctuous, with long lasting aromas of red fruits and spices, the cuvée will seduce the amateurs of fruit in its youth, and those who will age the wine (up to 10 years) to savour its full potential and unique truffles and garrigue notes.

2016: An exceptional year. The reds are aromatic, powerful, round, fine and balanced, while the whites display freshness, unctuousity, full body and great length.

VARIETAL
Rhône Blend
ALCOHOL
14.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
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